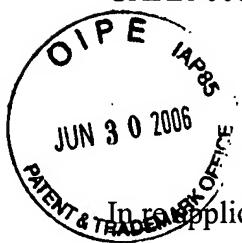




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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 4, 2006, and having a shortened statutory period for response expiring August 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: